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Amos Gage's Account

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Service
in the Revolutionary War

and a brief

Biographical Notice

by

DR. THOMAS HOVEY GAGE

together with a list of his descendants
compiled by Thomas Hovey Gage

Worcester, Massachusetts

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AMOS GAGE'S DEPOSITIONS

I Amos Gage of Bethel in the County of Oxford & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a resident citizen of the United States aged fifty nine years on oath declare that at Winter Hill in said Commonwealth in the month of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy five I enlisted into the Army of the United States of America on the continental establishment, into the company commanded by John Hale in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Starks in General Sullivan's Brigade in the New Hampshire Line & served in the same as a private soldier in the war of the revolution the term of my enlistment which was one year thereafter when I was verbally discharged & left the service.

I further testify that I am not borne on any pension list & that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support wherefore I pray that this application may be transmitted to the Secretary of War to the end that I may be placed on the Pension List of the United States agreeably to an Act of Congress passed March 18th 1818 entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged

in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

Sworn to May 11. 1818 }
Before—A. K. Parris }

AMOS GAGE

I Daniel Gage of said Bethel testify that Amos Gage above named enlisted & served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war agreeably to the foregoing declaration by him subscribed.

DANIEL GAGE

Daniel Gage personally appeared and made oath to the truth of the affidavit by him subscribed, and I do certify that } A. K. PARRIS,
he is a credible witness. } *U. S. Dist. Judge.*

STATE OF MAINE

County of Oxford, ss.

On this 28th day of August, A. D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate now sitting, Amos Gage a resident of Bethel in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

On the first day of January 1776 at Pelham in the State of New Hampshire he inlisted for a term of *one year* in the New Hampshire Line of Continental troops of the Revolutionary war. He immediately joined the army at a place called Winter Hill in Charleston or Medford Massa-

chusetts, in Capt. John Hales Company, Col. John Starks Regiment and Gen. Sullivans Brigade. He was stationed on said Winter Hill till the March following, when he marched to New London Connecticut where he took shipping to New York City. There he remained about five weeks. During the most part of this term of service, his Regiment was kept on March. Not stationed for any great length of time at any particular place. He marched through Albany, Saratoga, and was at Fort George and Crown Point and crossed the Lake to St. John's. Thence he went to Montreal and La-Prarie. Thence retreated back to Crown-point, where the army had the Small-pox. After the men got well they repaired to Ticonderoga where he staid till about the first of December, when they went to Albany. Thence into New Jersey and Pennsylvania where he with about a dozen others left the army as invalids. His Regt. was engaged at the battle of Trenton on the 15th of Decr. but he being an invalid was not there. At the close of this Term of service he was discharged or *dismissed* at or near Springfield in Massachusetts. In the month of August (about the last) 1777, at Bradford in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts, he inlisted, for a further term of *four months*, in Captain Eatons Company and Col. Johnsons Regiment of the

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

AMOS GAGE

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge

Massachusetts State Militia. Immediately after he marched to Bennington where he arrived the day after the battle. Thence he proceeded and was kept on march the most of the time. At Skeensboro was sent for to join the main army at Stillwater N. York. On the 7 October, the day of the battle, he was carried from the camp to about half a mile from the battle ground sick with the dysentery. He was at the capture of Burgoynes army on the 17th of October. The night after the surrender he marched to Albany and soon after marched to a place called New Windsor down the North River and there took shipping for Whiteplains. He remained at Whiteplains until the expiration of his term of inlistment when he was discharged and went home on or about the first of January 1778.

On or about the 8th of July 1780, at Boxford in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts, he again inlisted for a further term of *six months* in the Massachusetts line of the Continental Army. Went immediately to Springfield Mass. where he passed muster and was put under Continental officers; thence he went to West point N. York where he joined Capt. Pierces Company and Col. Michael Jacksons Regiment. From there he went in August, he thinks, to Kings-ferry and crossed into New Jersey. There he tarried, at a place called Pempton Plains and was there at the time of the capture and execution of Maj. Andre. He was on the guard over said Andre the night before he was executed. Soon after

he was marched back to Westpoint, where he remained till the expiration of his term of his enlistment when received an honorable discharge on the 8th of January 1781. This discharge in 1782, when he left home, he put into the hands of one Lemuel Wood then one of the Selectmen of said Boxford since dead to enable him to draw his pay for service and put the same out to interest in his absence and he has not seen said discharge since.

In the month of March 1782, at Salem, Mass. he shipped on board the private armed vessel Revolution Capt. Stephen Webb for a term of *six months*. He cruised in the British Channel the most of the time and rendezvoused every month at *Orient* in France. During the voyage, captured seven prizes all of which were sent into said *Orient* for condemnation. After this term was out he again shipped on board the same vessel for "*during the war*". Cruised about the same ground, during this voyage also, and took but one prize which was condemned—said *Orient*. During both cruises he was in two naval battles neither of which resulted in a capture upon either side. One was with the Unicorn Frigate, name of the other not known as they parted after daylight was gone. At the close of the war, he came home in May 1783, and was discharged. Making the whole term of his absence, at sea, *about one year and two months*.* He was born at Pelham, New Hampshire August 9th 1758. The record of his birth

*In the original the reference to this naval service has been crossed out; it probably was not such service for the United States as the Act required.

is upon the town-books of said Pelham. After the war he resided there till the year 1784, when he removed to said Bethel, where he has ever since and now, resides. He had no written discharge, except the one above mentioned, which is lost.

He further states that he has once been on the pension roll, under the act of March 18. 1818, District of Maine Agency, and has been dropped therefrom on account of his property and that he resided when he first made application and still resides as above stated. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present.

AMOS GAGE

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states, said applicant having adduced his original pension certificates, and the certificate of Charles Frost a Clergyman of said Bethel & John Grover a citizen of said town, both credible persons, on oath duly administered, it being inconvenient for said Frost & Grover to attend personally in Court—in corroboration of his own declaration.

STEPHEN EMERY, *Judge*

I Joseph G. Cole Register of the Court of Probate do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Amos Gage for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 28th day of August A. D. 1832.

JOSEPH G. COLE, *Register*

MASSACHUSETTS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Gage, Amos. Private, Capt. Joseph Eaton's Co, Col. Samuel Johnson's reg't; enlisted Aug. 15 1777; discharged Nov. 30 1777; service 3 mos. 29 days, travel included, on an expedition to the Northward.

Gage, Amos. Boxford. Description list of men raised to reinforce Continental Army for the term of six months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780, returned as received of Justin Ely, Commissioner, by Brig. Gen. John Glover at Springfield July 11, 1780; age 21 yrs; statute 6 ft.; complexion, light; engaged for town of Boxford; arrived at Springfield July 10, 1780; marched to camp July 11, 1780 under command of Capt. George Webb; also list of men raised for the six months service and returned by Brig. Gen. Paterson as having passed muster in a return dated Camp Totoway Oct. 25, 1780; also pay roll for 6 months men raised by the town of Boxford for service in the Continental Army during 1780; marched July 10, 1780; discharged Jan. 10, 1781; service 6 mos. 14 days, travel included.

AMOS GAGE

By Dr. Thomas H. Gage

My grandfather, Amos Gage, was born August 9, 1758, in Pelham, N. H., in a part of the town then and now known as "Gage Hill" from the numerous large and inter-related families of that name who, for generations, lived there. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. My grandmother, Lois (Hovey) Gage was born June 14, 1759, in Boxford, Mass. She was a daughter of Deacon Joseph and Rebecca (Stickney) Hovey.

They were married April 22, 1788, and immediately after their marriage started, my grandmother on horseback, and my grandfather on foot by her side, for the then almost unexplored regions of Sudbury Canada, in the Province of Maine, where my grandfather had already purchased intervale land on the banks of the upper Androscoggin River, and where they planned to clear the forest and make a home. Their journey must have been at least two hundred miles, of which the last fifty or sixty was through unbroken forest, with no path, and nothing but an Indian trail to follow. Having arrived, after a journey which, it must be believed, was one of great hardship, they at once set about the building of a log house, which, as the event proved, was to be their

home for some years, and in which, probably, all their children were born. Later, perhaps before the beginning of the nineteenth century, this log house gave way to a plain, substantial frame dwelling, which in a good state of repair was still standing and occupied by a family when I visited the place in 1894.*

When my grandfather reached Sudbury Canada, in 1788 the beautiful, broad, and fertile intervale which stretched away, from the spot he selected for a house, to the river, was covered by a heavy growth of white pine timber, and I have heard my grandmother tell the story of the time and hard labor required at my grandfather's hands to fell the forest and burn up the great pine logs, in order to clear the land for tillage. If he had allowed the noble growth to stand unmolested for a quarter of a century, and had turned for tillage to land less valuable, the great pine trees, so near the river, would have made him rich. But he did not know it.

Forty-six years my grandparents lived on the very spot they chose for a home in 1788. They never, as I believe, revisited Pelham or Boxford, and never, so far as I know, saw, or received visits from, the numerous friends and relatives they had left behind,—save that, at an early period, a younger brother of my grandfather, Daniel Gage, came from Pelham and bought a farm adjoining, where he lived many years and reared a

*On the right side of the road from Bethel to West Bethel and a little east of the Grand Trunk Railroad crossing.

large family. But meanwhile there were great changes. The fame of the beautiful region spread, and other settlers came, especially from Massachusetts. A town grew up, and was incorporated. The name of Sudbury Canada, was dropped, and that of Bethel adopted. And so came into being a town famous in the history of Maine for its great natural advantages and beauty, for the high character and public spirit of its people, for thrift, enterprise, and prosperity.

In this growth and development my grandfather bore a part; not conspicuous, not, perhaps, very influential, but honorable, useful, and always on the side of righteousness. I find his name quite frequently mentioned in the History of Bethel, on the school committee, on special committees, in subordinate town offices, in church affairs, and in frequent association with men of influence more widely known than he. He was a good man, and eminently useful in his day and generation, and both he and my excellent grandmother walked humbly all their days with God.

Now there were born to these worthy people between 1789 and 1797 four sons, all, as I believe, and have already said, in the log house. The eldest, Thomas Hovey, for whom I was named, and who was himself named for a maternal uncle, was born June 8, 1789, and died of consumption at the age of 34. He was a merchant in Bath, Maine, and left two children. The second, Leander, who was my father, was born September 20, 1791. The third, William, born March 15, 1795, died of con-

sumption at the age of 25. The fourth, Amos, born March 2, 1797, died in Waterford, May 7, 1869, in his seventy-third year. Of William I know but little. My impression is that he was never strong physically, and that he was never settled in any business. My uncle Amos I knew well. He married Mary Warren, daughter of Major Warren of Waterford, and lived with his father and mother on the Bethel farm until his father's death in 1833, when, soon after, he removed to Waterford, in order that he and his mother might be near my father, and his wife near her relatives.

DESCENDANTS OF AMOS GAGE

AMOS GAGE was a descendant of John Gage who was in Boston in 1630 and settled in Ipswich in 1633. His father, Amos Gage, served in the French and Indian Wars and was the captain of a New Hampshire company in the Revolutionary War.

Amos Gage was born in Pelham, N. H., 9 August, 1758, and died in Bethel, Maine, 29 August, 1833.

He married Lois Hovey at Boxford, Mass., 22 April, 1788.

The children of Amos and Lois Gage, all born in Bethel, were:

2. I THOMAS HOVEY, born 8 June, 1789.
3. II LEANDER, born 20 September, 1791.
4. III WILLIAM, born 15 March, 1795; died unmarried, 1 January, 1820.
5. IV AMOS, born 2 March, 1797.

2. THOMAS HOVEY GAGE married, 17 December, 1815, in Bath, Maine, Frances Angier Stockbridge. He died 10 April, 1823, in Bath; she died at Flushing, N. Y., 11 January, 1882. He was a merchant.

Their children were:

6. I LOIS, born 25 February, 1817.
7. II WILLIAM LEANDER, born 27 February, 1820.

3. LEANDER GAGE married, 7 October, 1820, in Waterford, Maine, Ann Sargent. He died 24 April,

1842, at Waterford; she died at Worcester, Mass., 21 July, 1876. He was a physician in Waterford.

Their children were:

- I PHEBE HOVEY, born 29 November, 1821; died unmarried, 29 February, 1880.
- II FRANCES, born 5 March, 1823; married Humphrey Cousens, 26 June, 1850; died without children at Gorham, Maine, 17 February, 1904.
- 8. III IRENE BLISS, born 16 October, 1824.
- 9. IV THOMAS HOVEY, born 22 May, 1826.
- 10. V ANN LOUISA, born 10 May, 1828.
- VI MARY SARGENT, born 21 April, 1830; died unmarried at Worcester, Mass., 23 October, 1909.
- VII LOIS MARIA, born 10 January, 1832; died unmarried at Portland, Maine, 9 August, 1888.
- 11. VIII GEORGE MANLIUS, born 22 August, 1834.

5. AMOS GAGE married, 8 April, 1823, Mary, daughter of Maj. Samuel Warren. He died in Waterford, 7 May, 1869; she died 26 March, 1870. They had no children; he was a farmer and a deacon in the church.

6. LOIS GAGE married, 31 May, 1836, Joel Holkins. He died 28 April, 1853, in Springfield, Mass.; she died 5 March, 1876, in Flushing, N. Y.

Their children were:

- I JOEL HOLKINS, born 16 February, 1839; married Katharine McClure, 1863; died 18 December, 1870.
- II BETHUEL PHELPS, born 7 July, 1841; killed at Malvern Hill, 28 June, 1862.
- III EMMA LEE, born 15 August, 1843; married Frank O. Chase at Flushing, N. Y., 1 November, 1870; died 6 June, 1872. Had one child, Mabel H. Chase, born 9 July, 1871.

- IV FRANCES STOCKBRIDGE, born 6 December, 1845.
- V MARIA, born 20 November, 1847; married William Stevenson Abbott of Flushing, 27 December, 1873; died 1 August, 1874.
- VI ISABELLA TAYLOR, born 3 October, 1849; died 30 August, 1881.
- VII ANNA, born 9 March, 1852; died 22 November, 1852.

7. WILLIAM LEANDER GAGE died in Baltimore, Maryland, 26 October, 1883. Was a captain in Robert E. Lee's cavalry.

Married first ——— and had two children:

- I WILLIAM, drowned at sea.
- II EDGAR STOCKBRIDGE, who has four children: Edgar S., Jr., Edna, Harry and Emma.

Married second, Hannah Dorsey of Calvert County, Maryland. She died in Baltimore, 1906.

Their children were:

- I SUSANNAH, married Charles F. Heil; died 1885. Had one child, Charles F. Heil, Jr., who died 1912.
- II HANNAH DORSEY, married Roland Stoddert. Their children: Emma, Ethel (married Dr. Jacob Fisher), William Gage, Roland, Roy A., and ———.
- III AMOS LEANDER, born Baltimore, Maryland, 10 January, 1865; died February, 1898; M.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons; married Emma ———. No children.
- IV ROSE EMMA, married William D. McGowan. Children: Addie E., Lillian, Annie and May.
- V ALEXANDER SELKIRK, M.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons; lives in Baltimore. Has one child, Mildred Estelle Dorsey.
- VI FANNIE, died in infancy.

8. IRENE BLISS GAGE married, 8 January, 1846, Samuel Warren of Waterford, Maine. She died 29 March, 1873; he died 31 July, 1888.

Their children were:

- 14. I MARY, born 6 November, 1848.
- II AUGUSTA, born 16 December, 1850; died 18 December, 1923, at Gorham, Maine.
- III ANNE, born 1 January, 1853
- IV DANIEL, born 11 August, 1855; died unmarried, 10 January, 1883.

9. THOMAS HOVEY GAGE, M.D., Harvard, married, 5 June, 1860, Anna M. Lane of Boston. She died 11 January, 1908; he died 17 September, 1909.

Their children, all born in Worcester:

- 15. I HOMER, born 18 October, 1861; A.B. and M.D., Harvard.
- 16. II THOMAS HOVEY, born 13 January, 1865; A.B. and LL.B., Harvard.
- III MABEL CARLETON, born 19 May, 1868.

10. ANN LOUISA GAGE married Calvin Foster of Worcester, Mass., 2 June, 1857. She died 8 November, 1878; he died 16 November, 1898.

Their children:

- 13. I CAROLINE CUTLER, born 1 September, 1859; at Gorham, Maine.
- II PRESCOTT WOODBURY, born 12 October, 1861; died 1 September, 1879.
- 17. III FANNY LOUISE, born 11 March, 1865.

11. GEORGE MANLIUS GAGE married, 14 August, 1861, Elizabeth S. Webber of Sweden, Maine. She died 21 February, 1899. He died 18 April, 1910.

Their children:

- I FRANCES COUSENS, born 14 October, 1863; died unmarried at Marsovan, Turkey-in-Asia, 15 July, 1917; A.B., Carleton College.
- 18. II BENJAMIN WEBBER, born 11 February, 1865.
- 19. III MARY ELIZABETH, born 19 August, 1875.

13. CAROLINE CUTLER FOSTER married Frank Colhoun Huidekoper, A.B., Harvard, of Meadville, Penn., 13 June, 1882. He died 26 July, 1890; she died 18 November, 1920, in Cambridge.

Their children:

- I HERMAN JOHN, born 20 July, 1883; died 15 March, 1893.
- 20. II ROSALIND, born 29 March, 1885.
- 21. III PRESCOTT FOSTER, born 31 January, 1887, A.B., Harvard.

14. MARY WARREN married John Everett of Waterford. She died 16 September, 1906.

Their children were:

- I EMMA, born 9 January, 1874; married 24 December, 1899, Llewellyn J. Saunders of Waterford. He died 24 March, 1917. They had four children: Raymond Justin, born 18 October, 1900, A.B., Bowdoin; Elinor Frances, born 16 August, 1902; Mabel Christine and George Llewellyn, born 11 April, 1910. Elinor married Daniel Henry Mattor of Norway, Maine, 25 November, 1922, and has one child, Emma Barbara.

- ii J. HERBERT, born 28 July, 1879, married 10 June, 1903, Blanche S. Spear and has one child, John Warren, born 15 September, 1911.
- iii ARTHUR, born 1 November, 1884; married 3 September, 1917, Gertrude Gillis of Boston.

15. HOMER GAGE married, 15 June, 1893, Mabel R. Knowles of Worcester, and has one child, Homer, born 17 November, 1895, A.B., Harvard.

16. THOMAS HOVEY GAGE married, 8 June, 1898, Alice Chase of Worcester, and has one child, Mary Hovey, born 29 November, 1901, A.B., Vassar.

17. FANNY LOUISE FOSTER married, 9 September, 1891, Charles D. Wheeler of Worcester, A.B., Williams; M.D., Harvard.

Their children:

- i MARY LOUISE, born 29 June, 1893; married Stewart Jenks Bell, 17 October, 1916, B.S., Stevens. Their children: Ann, born 12 April, 1918, died 23 October, 1920; Jacqueline Foster, born 6 July, 1922.
- ii ANNA, born 28 November, 1896, died 3 January, 1914.
- iii CHARLES DOUGLAS, born 30 November, 1907; died 6 July, 1917.
- iv WILLIAM A., born 15 March, 1910.

18. BENJAMIN WEBBER GAGE of Portland, Oregon, married, 29 April, 1890, Leona M. Guild. Their children:

- GEORGE HALSEY, born 20 March, 1891; married 16 August, 1917, Marguerite Eleanor Egbert. They have one child, Georgianna Louise, born 17 January, 1922.
- II GLADYS ELIZABETH, born 29 April, 1892; married 5 June, 1913, Wilson Barryman Miller. They have three children: Frances Elizabeth, born 13 May, 1915; Wilson Barryman, Jr., born 13 December, 1916, and Benjamin Gage, born 19 May, 1919.
- III FRANCES MARY, born 26 July, 1894, married 5 July, 1916, Leon Clay Gibbs. They have one child, David Elinore, born 20 May, 1920.
- IV LEONA GUILD, born 26 February, 1897, married first, Paul Eugene Holm, 16 March, 1917. They had one child, Joanne Leona, born 10 October, 1919. Married second, March, 1921, George Thompson. They have three children: Mary Louise, born 3 January, 1922; Loretta, born 21 October, 1922; Frances Elizabeth, born December, 1923.

19. MARY ELIZABETH GAGE of Oakland, California, married, at Portland, Oregon, 18 April, 1901, Charles Thomas Tinker. They have one child, Elizabeth, born 1 February, 1902.

20. ROSALIND HUIDEKOPER married, 14 May, 1907, at Boston, Henry Copley Greene, A.B., Harvard.

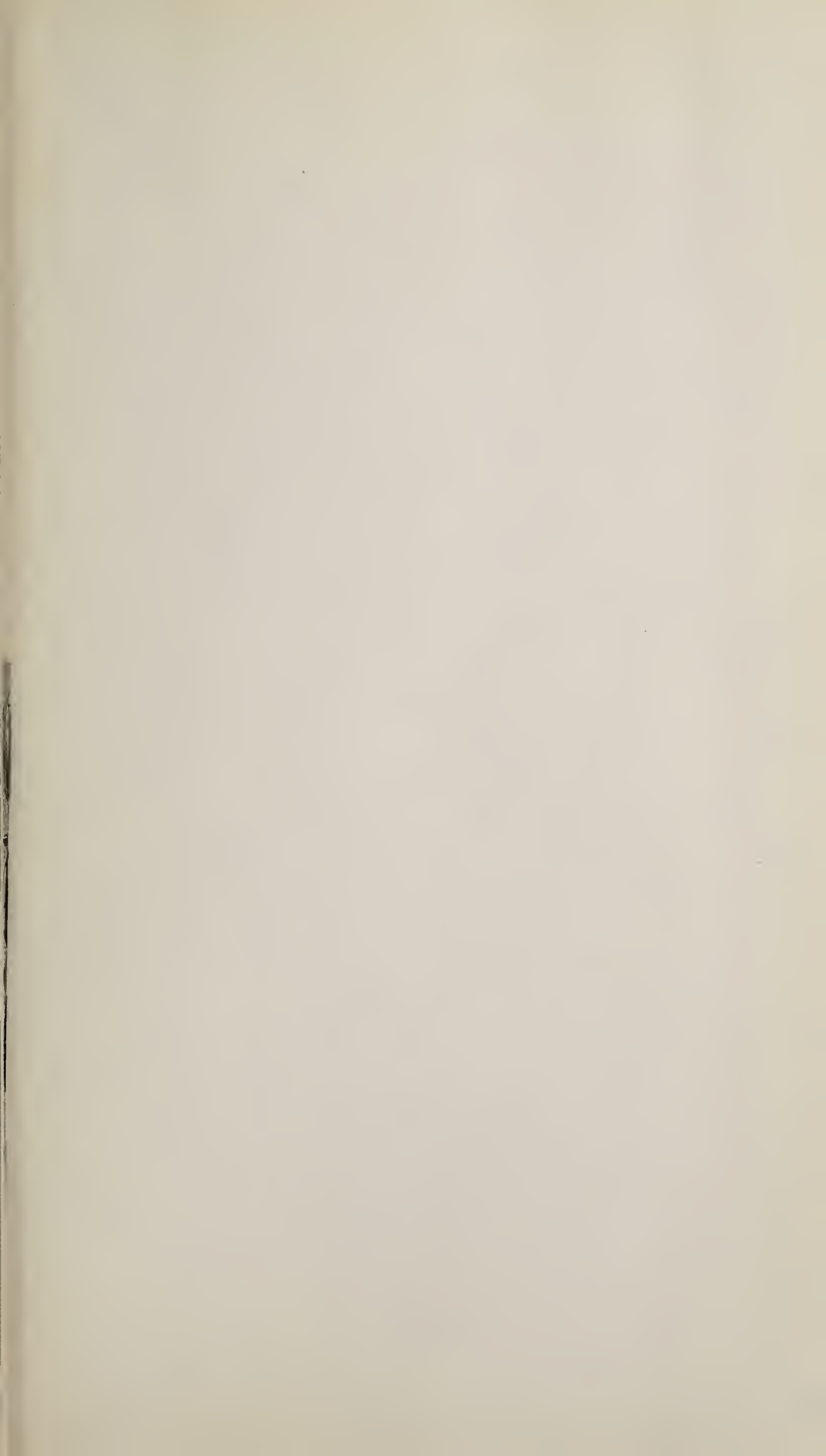
Their children:

- I FRANCESCA, born 19 March, 1908.
- II JOY, born 12 November, 1909.
- III KATRINE ROSALIND, born 7 June, 1912.
- IV ERNESTA COPLEY, born 26 March, 1915.

21. PRESCOTT FOSTER HUIDEKOPER married, 14 June, 1913, at Millwood, Virginia, Nannie Adelaide Nelson, born 13 January, 1886.

Their children:

- I ROSALIND, born 7 April, 1914.
- II NANCY NELSON, born 24 August, 1915.
- III PAGE CAROLINE, born 15 January, 1918.
- IV PRESCOTT FOSTER, born 12 May, 1920.





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